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tract; the other along a small ditch separating two cultivated fields, but it obviously antedates the construction of the ditch. Each is about thirty feet high, with widely spreading branches in healthy condition, and bears a good crop of fruit. Seedlings have not been seen.—H. A. GLEASON.

NEWS ITEMS

According to The Cambridge Tribune of June 28, Harvard University benefits from the will of the late Dr. W. G. Farlow, professor emeritus of cryptogamic botany. All of his books, papers, manuscripts, etc., are left to the University, to constitute the Farlow Reference Library. The sum of $25,000 is left in trust to his assistant, A. B. Seymour, who will enjoy its income during his life. On his death this fund will be added to a gift of $100,000 previously made to Harvard and known as the John S. Farlow Memorial Fund. On the death of Professor Farlow's widow, $100,000 will be given to the University and added to the John S. Farlow Memorial Fund.

In connection with the commencement exercises of the University of Vermont, held in Burlington on June 25, the degree of doctor of letters was conferred upon Dr. Liberty Hyde Bailey, formerly director of the College of Agriculture of Cornell University, and the honorary degree of doctor of science was conferred upon Dr. Marshall Avery Howe, curator of the museums of the New York Botanical Garden.

Dr. H. N. Whitford, of the School of Forestry of Yale University, has recently returned from Central America, where he was one of a commission detailed by the State Department to investigate the economic resources of the boundary region in dispute between Guatemala and Honduras.